

Application No. 10/780,773
Reply to Office Action of August 4, 2005

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-43. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-43, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-43.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-53 are pending. By this amendment the specification and abstract are amended. Claims 1, 5, 13, 17-21, 31, 34, 37, 38, 41, 42, 44, 45, and 47-52 are amended; new Claim 53 is added; and Figs. 1-43 are replaced with new Figs. 1-43.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that Claims 1-4, 6-16, 23-30, 32 and 33 are allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to initial and return the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements. Copies are attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgement of Applicant's Claim for Priority. Certified copies of priority documents were filed July 29, 2005. A date-stamped receipt is attached hereto along with copies of the first page of the priority documents.

The Office Action objects to the drawings. The drawings are corrected to obviate this objection.

The Office Action objects to the specification and abstract. The specification and abstract are amended to obviate this objection.

The Office Action objects to Claims 5, 17-22, 31, 34-37 and 41-52 due to informalities. The claims are amended to obviate this objection. In addition Claims 1 and 13 are amended to correct informalities.

The Office Action rejects Claims 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S.P. 4,583,112 to Morano et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Morano does not disclose a developing device including at least two fixed magnets radially arranged inside the developing sleeve and an opening located between two adjacent

magnets, as in amended independent Claim 38. See specification at page 128, line 17, *et seq.*
Instead, in Morano, vent opening 67 is not located between magnets 28. See Morano at Fig.
1.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in
condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this
application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact
Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.


Respectfully submitted,

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